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DARK TRANQUILLITY



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*"The future disappears into memory
with only a moment between"*

Neil Peart 1952-2020

PHANTOM DAYS

it doesn't make it any less real

i can still feel it

rage with the fire of insight

these are the days that

favours the emotional

and amplifies belief

unaffected and unbiased

I want my eyes to be

it might be lost and gone

to memory belong

it doesn't make it any less real

i can still feel it

rage with the fire of insight

these are the phantom days

beyond our reason

as we nullify intent

ignorance be just

and defeatist minds prevail

like dreams they slip away

yet this feeling lingers on

what remains of indecision

determined by resolve

vicariously through others

i see what i can be

lead - Reinholdz

TRANSIENT

to a fleeting wealth of knowledge
we stand now idly by
as it crashes and burns
far from our grasp
the ages old dichotomy
between knowledge and belief
one a priori judgement at a time
in judgement defined

in our lifestyle apathy
so incapable
in only observation and reaction
we free ourselves of history
in opinion and false deception
what feats of our imagining

we now fail
at the hands of our non-control
confirmation biases

let me go

we now fail
at the hands of our non-control
resistant transient

let me go

fall to the depths of desire's reach
at the hands of our own device
understanding kept at arms length
with opinions close to the chest
hurtful, cold, beyond reproach
resisting to be called out
one form of denial at a time
through judgement defined

in our lawless ignorance
so untouchable
no liberation or deduction
we feed into the narrative
in speculation and reification
you gather up the fallacies

solo - Reinholdz

one hit and you walk away
irredeemable

IDENTICAL TO NONE

you've got to resist
take it in through osmosis
the narrowing ideas
that nestle in your mind
the gradual absorption
of tension built through time
distorted false depictions
can't stand the test of life

i see a dissonant figure
rise up

what are you
in the eyes of strangers
you are
identical to none
why this disparity of thoughts
when you are
identical to none

they want to see it burn
not deal the final hand
the cleansing ash
of others denied
is on your breath
what should have been said
forgotten
what should have been done
denied

solo - Amott

borne out of frustration
of never being seen
the dissonant rise
why this disparity of thoughts
when you are
identical to none

what should have been said
what should have been done
forgotten
denied

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THE DARK UNBROKEN

as the night is closing in
unresolved and undefined
denies the need and challenges necessity
deprivation in a chaos of words
the hours break the sinews of resistance
the endline blurs
where the impossible and outsized
never learn to coexist

not for meaning
not for need
not for want alone
how can we silence
what is never said
how can we scream
away the noise

it's burning from the inside out
the restless tries not to remember
this useless insight
that sheds more light on the pain
must remain in the unbroken dark

in stages of infinite time
it lies and it waits
the nerve endings touch
the surface of my dreams
and what seems like life
stretches out eternally
i took on too much
the hours fled
and i was left here
stranded in doubt

not for meaning
not for need
not for want alone
how can we kill
what is never given
how can we scream
away the night

it burns on the inside
as i try to not remember
these endless, useless insights
not for meaning
not for need
not for want alone
how can we keep what is never spoken
here in the unbroken dark

solo - Reinholdz

REMAIN IN THE UNKNOWN

in the flicker of a light
in a shadow on the wall
in the reassuring voice
of apophenia my friend
i hear signals in the static
i see distant figures calling
and i know it's not to be
yet let there be revelation

i see movement in every colour
i see patterns i see forms
there is a way to feel affirmed
a way to know for certain

where answers to our questions
remain in the unknown
there is a way to feel
a way to know
where meaning and logic
remain in the unknown

apophenia my friend
in ripples across the water
our seething minds embrace
the false positive of comfort
to register as nothing
nothing but willed illusion
i know just what this is
but please let it be revelation
with nothing to break the illusion
to break the spell

solo - Reinholdz

just knowing what this is not
is enough to dispell the doubting
and give in to delusion
let it be revelation

it gives purpose to the mundane
i see movement in every colour
i see patterns i see forms
there is a way to feel affirmed
a way to know for certain
where answers to our questions
remain in the unknown
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STANDSTILL

where are we now
where are we going
to the ends of our words if not further
where are we now
where are we going
to the other side of right
from wherever i am
i call to you
from wherever i am tonight

we are strangers where we stand
do i have to be the one
to let this go forever
to see what lies unknown
i dont want to be
the one to let this go forever

we are what we can
we can only hope to forget
this distance-created curse
of silence and waking nights
i thought i could see an end

to do whatever we can
to raise the stakes
to make everything count tonight

we are strangers where we stand
do i have to be the one
to let this go forever
to see what lies unknown
i dont want to be

the one to let this go forever
so this is where we are tonight
we're at a standstill 'til the end

solo - Reinholdz & Amott

from wherever i am
i call to you
from wherever i am
from whoever i am tonight

we are strangers where we stand
do i have to be the one
to let this go forever
to see what lies unknown
i dont want to be
the one to let this go forever
so this is where we are tonight
there is nowhere to go from here

EGO DECEPTION

senses die in me
to the point of resistance failure
numb to noise and the self defining
liberation of the ego decieved

with the self negated
taken to the core of

reaction formation
sublimation channeling
idealize the maker
move the application

above the form
'til it brings you down

i cannot feel your pain
i cannot see your fear
though i can sense your anger now
i'm just the one who wants
just the one who needs
locked in ego deception

hours die in me
as deception powers to
resist the known simplicity
in the giving of what others could want

oblivious and headstrong
liberation lies within
oblivious to constructs coming down

deception formation
sublimation channeling
reshaping of reality
reinforcing a lie
on which it's built upon

vilification of the unbeliever
strike fear in inquiry
justify the percieved intention
ego deception

he cannot feel your pain
and cannot see your fear
though he can sense your anger
just the one who wants
just the one who needs
locked in ego deception

A DRAWN OUT EXIT

so burn the trail
and keep the flames alight
before the end
appears inside the haze
bare the shadow
cast from journeys end
the final curtain falls
there is nothing there
without a trace we lie in wait again

you've lost the will to feel
and take the highs and lows for granted
am i wasting all my time
when i know this is different
i know

far away and out of our reach
our broken ways abandoned long ago
freed inside the walls of your design
non-conforming wavering alone
a drawn out exit
from the norm

you've lost the will to feel
and take the highs and lows for granted
is this wasted on the numb
knowing this won't make a difference
i know

is there bliss in resisting
the fortune of feelings we hold
the sharp edges that determine our shape
the scars that now expose the pain

our broken bodies speak of triumph
our face reveals what should be known
yet you burn the trail
burn

solo - Reinholdz

you've lost the will to feel
and take the highs and lows for granted
am i wasting all my time
when i know this is different
i know
i know
i know

EYES OF THE WORLD

bring to an end
this avoidance
when you close your eyes
what is now
had a beginning phase
that came to pass
now the eyes of the world
are upon you
we all want to know

now the eyes of the world
are upon you
will we ever see
i can feel it coming down
as the walls give way and crumble
i can feel it coming down
and i will be watching

you take the bait
it pulls you in
and takes you down
these days
it seems we miss what lies between
the lies between

we can sense the way
they'll spin us
they'll spin us round and round
'til we forget
lead the fires to the core
to the end now within reach
we must resist

solo - Amott

FAILSTATE

temper the burn
in the death of a night unending
the voices fall again
in judgement and scorn
the sky disappears
to fragment our blind perception
forge every waking thought
and stoke our fears

to the tune of the apocalypse
brave the silent hours
resist the failstate
there is death inside
and nothing but failure
and you will never know its name

with the line decending
as the voices call again
the barriers appear
to block out our baser instincts
force each and every thought
to amplify fear

solo - Amott

the final set of fours
repeat the affirmation
face the indecision
resist the failstate

EMPIRES LOST TO TIME

let the dark run
deep within you
let the fever
drive the chaos inside

let the force out
non containment area
give the fading of the light
a chance

weakening resolve
break the pattern's narrow net
lore of the obsessed
leave the finer truths behind

into the rivalling
ideas of the lost
wired to the ends

of the most sensitive of nerves
in the eyes of the unbroken
fortune favours loss and doubt
taught among the ruins
of empires lost to time

let the rage in
non-committal
adverse mode
given is the taking
of security unbound

reckoning with doubt
fail ahead as mind is set
core of the incensed
waive the right as truth be told

in empires now lost to time

solo - Reinholdz

let the dark run
let the fever
drive the chaos inside

IN TRUTH DIVIDED

this matters more with time
than anything i know
this object permanence
keeps you with me 'til the end
inconsequential i may be i know
inside the silence

in truth divided
i have lost myself again
when words are not enough
and time is not the healer
what is gone inside
has left me here without

this hardened heart resists
i'm left here barely standing
what lies behind the fear
belies the grand perspective
when i don't want to see it
and i don't want to hear
the world is silent

solo - Amott

inside the fire
i cannot see
inside
i cannot find you

in truth divided
i don't believe
i have lost myself again
this search within
has gone inside
and left without

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PHANTOM DAYS - Jivarp, Reinholdz

TRANSIENT - Reinholdz

IDENTICAL TO NONE - Jivarp, Reinholdz

THE DARK UNBROKEN - Reinholdz

REMAIN IN THE UNKNOWN - Brändström

STANDSTILL - Jivarp, Reinholdz

EGO DECEPTION - Reinholdz

A DRAWN OUT EXIT - Brändström, Reinholdz

EYES OF THE WORLD - Brändström, Reinholdz

FAILSTATE - Jivarp

EMPIRES LOST TO TIME - Jivarp

IN TRUTH DIVIDED - Jivarp

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